IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Masahiro ARAI et al.

Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR

CONTROLLING INTAKE AIR
BY VARIABLE VALVE TIMING

Appl. No.: Unassigned

Filing Date: 12/03/2000

Examiner: Unassigned

Art Unit: Unassigned

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendment be entered into the application:

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 9, line 9, please change "December 2, 2000," to --December 4, 2000, --.

REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the above amendment prior to examination of the instant application. The amendment is made to correct clerical errors and do not to change the scope of the invention.

Respectfully submitted,

Date December 4, 2000

FOLEY & LARDNER Washington Harbour 3000 K Street, N.W., Suite 500 Washington, D.C. 20007-5109 Telephone: (202) 672-5414

Facsimile: (202) 672-5399

By Richard L. Schwaab

Attorney for Applicant Registration No. 25,479